

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 1, 8, 17 and 20 and ADD new claim 26 in accordance with the following:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of operating a speech recognition system, comprising:

augmenting the speech recognition system with an augmenting grammar set supplied by a first speech recognizer of a portal; and

notifying the portal in response to an input which corresponds to the augmenting grammar set responsive to speech recognition executed via a second speech recognizer independent of the portal.

2. (ORIGINAL) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the speech recognition system resides at an application server remote from the portal.

3. (ORIGINAL) The method as claimed in claim 2, further comprising transferring control of a call back to the portal after notifying the portal that the input corresponds to the augmenting grammar set.

4. (ORIGINAL) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising transferring a call to another application server which corresponds to the input.

5. (ORIGINAL) The method as claimed in claim 2, further comprising directing the remote application server to perform one of a fixed set of pre-determined actions on behalf of the portal in response to a predetermined input.

6. (ORIGINAL) The method as claimed in claim 2, further comprising directing the remote application server to perform an arbitrary routine on behalf of the portal in response to a predetermined input.

7. (ORIGINAL) The method as claimed in claim 2, further comprising directing the portal to perform an action in response to a predetermined input.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A system comprising:  
a portal having a first speech recognizer; and  
an application server having a second speech recognizer to receive an augmenting grammar set transmitted from the first speech recognizer of the portal, wherein the application server notifies the portal in response to an input which corresponds to the augmenting grammar set.

9. (ORIGINAL) The system as claimed in claim 8, further comprising a voice gateway to connect a call to the portal.

10. (ORIGINAL) The system as claimed in claim 9, wherein when a caller requests access to the application server, the voice gateway connects the call to the application server and breaks the connection between the call and the portal.

11. (ORIGINAL) The system as claimed in claim 8, wherein the portal includes a speech recognizer.

12. (ORIGINAL) The system as claimed in claim 11, wherein in response to an input being recognized as corresponding to the augmenting grammar set, control of the call is transferred from the application server to the portal.

13. (ORIGINAL) The system as claimed in claim 8, wherein the call is transferred to another application server in response to recognizing a predetermined input as corresponding to the augmenting grammar set.

14. (ORIGINAL) The system as claimed in claim 8, wherein the application server performs one of a fixed set of pre-determined actions on behalf of the portal in response to a predetermined input which is recognized as corresponding to the augmenting grammar set.

15. (ORIGINAL) The system as claimed in claim 8, wherein the application server performs an arbitrary routine on behalf of the portal in response to a predetermined input which is recognized as corresponding to the augmenting grammar set.

16. (ORIGINAL) The system as claimed in claim 8, wherein the portal performs a predetermined action corresponding to an input which is recognized as corresponding to the augmenting grammar set.

17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method comprising:  
connecting a call to a portal having a first speech recognizer;  
requesting services of a remote application server having a second speech recognizer  
via the call;  
transmitting an augmenting grammar set of the first speech recognizer from the portal to  
the remote application server;  
connecting the call to the remote application server;  
breaking the connection between the call and the portal; and  
notifying the portal when an input during the call corresponds to the augmenting  
grammar set in accordance with speech recognition executed via the second speech recognizer.

18. (ORIGINAL) The method as claimed in claim 17, further comprising reconnecting  
the call to the portal in response to recognizing a predetermined input as corresponding to the  
augmenting grammar set.

19. (ORIGINAL) The method as claimed in claim 17, further comprising performing a  
predetermined action in response to an input which is recognized as belonging to the  
augmenting grammar set.

20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A system for operating a speech recognition system,  
comprising:  
means for augmenting the speech recognition system with an augmenting grammar set  
supplied by a first speech recognizer of a portal; and  
means for notifying the portal in response to an input which corresponds to the  
augmenting grammar set responsive to speech recognition executed via a second speech  
recognizer independent of the portal.

21. (ORIGINAL) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the input corresponds to at least one DTMF tone.

22. (ORIGINAL) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the input corresponds to an spoken utterance.

23. (ORIGINAL) The system as claimed in claim 8, wherein the input corresponds to at least one DTMF tone.

24. (ORIGINAL) The system as claimed in claim 8, wherein the input corresponds to an spoken utterance.

25. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method of controlling a call in a speech recognition system, comprising:

augmenting a first speech recognizer of an application server with a grammar set from a portal having a second speech recognizer; and

switching control of a call to the portal in accordance with detection of an input corresponding to the grammar set via the second speech recognizer of the application server.

26. (NEW) A method of controlling a call in a speech recognition system, comprising:  
transferring a grammar set of a portal to an application server and subsequently transferring control of the call to the application server;

determining whether a call includes an input corresponding to the transferred grammar set based on speech recognition controlled by the application server; and

transferring control of the call to the portal subsequent to determining that said input corresponds to the transferred grammar set based on the speech recognition by the application server.